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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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A response to the Office Action of January 7, 2004 was previously filed on March 5, 2004. Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following claim cancellations and claim amendments.

Applicants request the cancellation of claims 42-43 and claims 49-51. Therefore, claims 41, 44-48, 57-69 and 72 remain active in this application.

Applicants request the amendment of Claim 41 as follows:

41. (amended) A composition comprising:  
(a) polymer particles having

(1) a one millimeter penetration temperature of less than about 75 °C as determined by thermal mechanical analysis; or

(2) an unconfined yield strength of greater than about 15 pounds per square foot (73 kilograms per square meter); or

(3) both (1) and (2);

(b) an effective amount of anti-blocking agent mechanically adhered to the polymer particles;

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